

# TOWN OF JUPITER ISLAND

## FLOOD HAZARD INFORMATION

The Town of Jupiter Island has applied through the Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) to receive a discount on flood insurance for Jupiter Island homeowners. During extended periods of heavy rainfall, low lying neighborhoods within the Town may be subject to flooding. Since you may be located in the flood hazard area, this information will address areas to help protect you and reduce loss of value to your property as a result of floods.

**Flood Hazard Information:** Through the use of this notice the Town is working to inform our residents about flood hazards and how to protect against its detrimental effects.

**Flood Hazard:** A flood hazard can occur during tropical storms, hurricanes, or other heavy rainstorms. The flood hazard areas in the Town are: The Atlantic Ocean and the Indian River.

**Flood Safety:** If you are advised to evacuate, turn off utilities at the main switches or valves. Disconnect all electrical appliances, but do not touch any electrical equipment if you are wet or standing in water.

**Flood Insurance:** Flooding is not covered by normal homeowners insurance, but flood insurance is available in the community through the National Flood Insurance Program.

**Map Determinations:** The Building Official is available to provide map determinations to let you know if you are in a flood hazard area. (Call 772-545-0150)

**Elevation Certificates:** The building department keeps copies of the elevation certificates and are available to you upon request. (Contact the Building Department at 772-545-0150)

**Flood Warning System:** The Public Safety Department has developed a warning system to provide early warning to residents that might experience exceptional flooding, such as flooding resulting from hurricanes.

**Property Protection Measures:** The following outlines emergency measures to be taken to minimize the damage to a structure.

- Store materials like sandbags, plywood, plastic sheeting and lumber to protect your house from floodwaters and to make quick repairs after a severe storm.
- Secure your home before leaving. Bring outdoor belongings – such as garbage cans, garden equipment and furniture – inside the house or tie them down securely. Move essential items and furniture to the upper floors of your house; lock doors and windows.
- Board up windows to protect them with storm shutters or tape to prevent flying, broken glass.
- Stack sandbags away from house walls, to prevent flood waters from reaching your home.

### Floodplain Development Permit

**Requirements:** All development under construction requires permits. Contact the Building Official at Town Hall, 772-545-0150, prior to any construction activities. We will help ensure your ability to comply with requirements of the flood insurance program.

### Substantial Improvement Requirements:

The National Flood Insurance Program requires that if the cost of reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition or other improvements to a building equals or exceeds 50% of the building's market value, then the building must meet the same construction requirements as a new building. Substantially damaged buildings must also be brought up to the same standards. These values are tracked by Town Hall during the permit process.

**Drainage System Maintenance:** It is illegal for any direct or indirect entry of any solid, liquid or gaseous matter to enter the drainage system. Proper drainage will help reduce the risk of flooding. We inspect the drainage system and remove blockages that are found or reported. If you live near the Indian River or Atlantic Ocean, or other areas where waters flow, you can help in this process by keeping the banks clear of brush and debris. Reports of violations may be made to the Building Department at 772-545-0150.